# D. C. FISCAL PROBE TO OPEN THURSDAY

#### Joint Citizens' Committee Asks Representation at Hearing.

Senator Phipps, chairman of the joint select committee on fiscal relations in the District of Columbia and the federal government, said today tnat the meeting of the committee probably be called for next Thursday. He said it is the intention of the committee to proceed expeditiously, notwithstanding that the House

At next Thursday's meeting the District Commissioners will be present. The Department of Justice, as representing the United States, will be requested to send an official in accordance with the terms of the act creating the committee. The legal bureau and the auditing branch of the District government also will be represented.

resented.

Senator Phipps said that if the civic organizations of the District desired to be represented they would be welcome, but that of course the committee would expect them to delegate an individual, as the occasion would not take on the aspects of a town meeting. The chairman does not see the necessity of open hearings to any ex-tent after the next meeting, at which a definite program will be outlined.

Audit First Step.

first practical step, he said, will first practical step, he audit. That The first practical step, he saw the be to proceed with the audit. That will require the services of expert accountants who are provided for in the act. Senator Phipps sees no reason why the work should not be pushed because in a businesslike way. unwhy the work should not be pushed along in a businesslike way, un-hampered by procrastination. He ex-pects that even with the House in re-cess it will be possible to maintain a quorum of the committee, as the Senate members will always be on

hand.
Senator Phipps was elected chairman of the joint congressional committee when it held its first meeting yesterday afternoon in the Senate District committee room. All members of the committee were present, except Representative Evans of Nebraska.

After the meeting Chairman Phipps announced the purpose of the committee to proceed as diligently as possible with the work in hand, which he feels is of high importance. House Members to Return.

House Members to Return.

All of the House members of the joint committee to investigate the fiscal relations between the District and Federal governments are out of the city. Representative Evans of Nevada, who is chairman of the House representations, is in his home district and not expected to return before August 15, at the end of the recess, which started last night. He has been notified, however, of his appointment on the joint committee.

Bepresentative Guy U. Hardy of Colorado has gone to Gettysburg and is expected to be back next Wednesday. So that if a meeting of the joint committee is called for next Thursday, as has been suggested. Representative Hardy will probably be in town to attend.

tive from the House, has left town and nothing is known at his office or his hotel regarding his plans.

Citizens Request Representation. and nothing is known at his ones on his ohee regarding his plans.

Citizens Request Representation.

E. F. Colladay, chairman, citizens' joint committee on fiscal relations, today sent the following letter to Senator Phipps, chairman of the joint congressional committee:

"As chairman of the citizens' joint committee on fiscal relations between the federal government and the District of Columbia. I have the honor to request that at the next meeting of the joint congressional committee, our committee be given opportunity to enter formal appearance and tender our services to your committee in the investigation about to be made.

"The citizens' joint committee on fiscal relations is composed of representatives of the following organizations: Washington Board of Trade, Washington Chamber of Commerce, Merchants and Manufacturers' Associations, Northeast Washington Citizens', and the investigation and the same hotel as the soviet delegates.

"I am here," Col. Boyle frankly adciation, Federation of Citizens Asso-ciations, Northeast Washington Citi-zens' Association, District of Colum-bia Bankers' Association, Washington Real Estate Board, Federal Em-ployes' Union, Cosmopolitan Club, the Civitan Club and Kiwanis Club. Other

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the formal requests at your next 250 MARYLAND AUTOS

# TOLL OF LIQUOR RAIDS

#### Nineteen Soon to Be Auctioned Off at Baltimore-Tricks Used to Recover Machines.

Special Dispatch to The Star. BALTIMORE, July 1.—Volsteadism s responsible for the confiscation by he government of 250 automobiles in this district since prohibition went into effect. Many of these cars are practically new, and many have never been entirely paid for. Were it not that many seized automobiles contained liquor without the owner's knowledge the number confiscated, according to United States District Attorney Lindsay, would be considerably larger. erably larger.

"The old revenue laws of fifty years ago permitted any vehicle to be selzed containing moonshine liquor, not because it was liquor, but because no tax had been paid on it." said District Attorney Lindsay today. This applied even when the owner of the heat wayon or any other restricts to boat, wagon or any other vehicle in which the liquor was carried did not know that the liquor was being carried. Under the prohibition laws today, however, this ruling was changed and no hardship is inflicted upon the owner of a machine when it is proved the in innocent of knowledge of the he is innocent of knowledge of the

Many cars have been selzed which contained only a pint or quart of liquor. Judge Rose has returned these to their owners, holding that only when such amount of liquor is be-ing transported that an automobile is necessary to carry it, is the machine liable to confiscation.

Many schemes are used by the owners of cars that have been confiscated to get them back. One of the principal tricks is to call the office of the district attorney and say that the car had been stolen when it was picked up by prohibition authorities. The statements are often found to be

Within the next few days, it was stated around Marshall Stockton's ofstated around Marshall Stockton's of-fice today, about nineteen care will be auctioned off. The bidding at these auctions is very spirited. Many auto-mobiles are not bid for and must be stored away at government expense.

SETS ASIDE \$500 AWARD. Court Directs New Trial of Suit

for Damages. Justice Stafford of the District Su-preme Court has set aside a verdict for \$500 damages awarded by a jury June \$3 against the Security Savings and Commercial Bank in favor of Robert F. Cronis, who sued for alleged dishonor of a check. The court directed a new trial. The bank was represented by Lawrence Koenigsberger.

Services Take Place at Home of



RANDOLPH R. RAPLEY.

Funeral services were held today for Randolph R. Rapley, son of the late W. W. Rapley, who died at his home, Avenel, Md., Wednesday night from angina pectoris, after an illness cov-Avenel, Md., Wednesday night from angina pectoris, after an illness covering less than a year. The services were held at the winter home of E. E. Rapley, a brother, at the Wyoming, and were conducted by Rev. Herbert Scott Smith of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church.

Interment, which was private, was at Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. Rapley is survived by his widow, Mrs. Catherine C. Rapley; a

at Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. Rapley is survived by his widow, Mrs. Catherine C. Rapley; a daughter, Catherine Stansbury Rapley, and two brothers, W. H. Rapley, manager of the National Theater, and E. E. Rapley, manager of the National Publishing Company.

# U. S.-BRITISH DUEL OVER OIL REVIVED

Another Bout Looms at Hague for Supremacy Over Industry.

BY PAUL SCOTT MOWRER.

By Cable to The Star and Chicago Daily News. Copyright, 1922. THE HAGUE, July 1.-Another bout in the gigantic world-wide oil duel between British and American interests seems to be imminent here. It may not be understood by all that cial rivalry. The issue is that of the Representative W. C. Wright of future of the American and British corgia, the democratic representafuture of the American and British burning ships are gradually supplant home. Great Britain has been busily

gates.
"I am here," Col. Boyle frankly admits, "to safeguard the great interests of the Royal Dutch Shell Company in Russia, for undoubtedly the Real Estate Board, Federal Employes' Union, Cosmopolitan Club, the Civitan Club and Kiwanis Club. Other organizations will doubtless be represented.

"The executive committee of the citizens' joint committee consists of Theodore W. Noyeg chairman; myself, as vice chairman, and D. J. Callahan, Corcoran Thom, E. C. Brandenberg, Robert N. Harper and Frank J. Hogan.

#### TEXT OF SPEECH BY PRESIDENT AT COAL PARLEY

(Continued from First Page.)

and for the greatest good of all the

agreement, I am able to announce a temporary organization with A. M. Ogle to preside and William Green to be your secretary. I have asked Secretaries Fall, Hoover and Davis to be your escorts, and to be of every to be your escorts, and to be of every assistance possible, as official hosts

hour is adjusted differences, with due concern for the public welfare. "I thank you all alike for your response to my invitation, and I express the hope that in the realisation of your responsibilities, and in an appraisal of your obligations, in the face-to-face, man-to-man and citizen-to-citizen contact, you will find a way to a just concord which the American public may gladly acclaim."

**IRISH REBELS LOSE** MORALE AS MORE STRONGHOLDS FALL

(Continued from First Page.)

or on the plea of humanitarism, com or on the plea of humanitarism, commit or attempt acts of trachery.

The government movement against the Sackville street area was apparently under full headway during the forencon. An important move was made by the national army troops in this direction, when they took over the buildings in Sackville street opposite the block that had been seized by the republicans.

Fighting Becomes Sharp. There was a sharp outburst of firing this morning in the vicinity of St. Stephen's green on the south side, where the irregulars were reported to have seized the United Service

# RAPLEY FUNERAL HELD. D. C. TAX PROVISION **CREATES PROBLEMS**

Collections on Personalty Twice a Year Cause of Worry to Officials.

Conference is following conference it the District building these days on the District is going to collect per

sonal taxes twice a year. Tax collecting in Washington, as nical points of view that expression of the problems facing the collecting agency of the city government is difficult, to say the least.

Situation Is Explained.

As clearly as possible, here is the The new District bill provides specifically that taxes be collected twice a year. Aside from the many difficulties being discussed along the realty collection line, consideration of case failed to substantiate the charge.

a year. Aside from the many difficulties being discussed along the
realty collection line, consideration of
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This stipulated—and it has not been
changed—that February is the month
for the hearing of personal tax apasking for the apprehension and puna year shows at first a legal obstacle which takes into primary considera-tion the fundamental law regarding District department activities.

Suppose, for instance, that a Wash-ingtonian is assessed a sum which be lingtonian is assessed a sum which be believes is unfair. He asks for an appeal. He feels that he should not pay the tax until his appeal is heard. Now, how is the tax collector going to force a payment of half the tax in November, and a penalty for every month thereafter that the tax is not paid, as stipulated by the tax is not paid, as stipulated by the appropriation act, when the fundamental law says that the assessed party has a right of appeal and that the appeal must be heard in February?

the appeal must be neard in February?
Here is something else: Seventy-five per cent of the personal tax-payers, it is estimated, file returns. The returns are filed during July, as of July 1. The assessors office must check up on the returns and enter them on the ledger. The board of appraisers must set the value of property on which a return is not made. made.

Everything must be entered on the books of the assessor. Heretofore, with the assessor's force working at top speed, October 20 has been the date on which the books went to the tax coldector so that bills might be made out.

Personal Tangible Accounts. There are approximately 65,000 personal tangible tax accounts. The tax must be figured on the rate per \$100 and the bills made out. There are scores of detailed movements required. Now there cannot be more than twenty per sons to handle these 65,000 accounts in the collectors office even after the as-sessor's ledgers are turned over to the them somehow during the month of Oc persons handle 65,000 accounts in three

persons handle 65,000 accounts in three weeks or so and get out the bills to the individuals?

There are dozens of other questions. And when District building attaches see Auditor Donovan, Assessor Richards and Collector of Taxes Towers with their heads together in the corridors and frowns on the foreheads, the word goes out "They're talking taxes again."

#### PUBLIC COMES FIRST, PRESIDENT'S WARNING TO COAL CONFEREES

(Continued from First Page.) A. R. Pollock, president Coal Opera-

Freeport Seam of Pennsylvania: T. H. Watkins, president Central Coal Association of Pennsylvania; B. M. Clark, president, Association of Bi-Pennsylvania.

The conference at the Interior Department adjourned shortly after noon, to meet again at 2 o'clock at headquarters of the Red Cross, on 17th street. Neither side would make any statement as to the progress of the negotiations. It was known, however, that John L Lewis, of the mine workers, addressed the conferany statement as to the progress of the negotiations. It was known, however, that John L Lewis, of the mine workers, addressed the conference, and that he probably outlined the firm stand of the mine unions against district wage agreements, and in favor of national or semi-national expressions.

tional agreements. Miners Find Opposition. When the miners and operators assembled in the Interior Department auditorium Mr. Ogle was named chairman, and William Green, secretarytreasurer of the United Mine Workand for the greatest good of all the people.

Sense of Obligation.

"Suitable accommodations for your conference await your arrival. By greenent I am able to announce a but Secretary Hoover remained.

Friction Already Seen. assistance possible, as official hosts to such a company.

"Let me remind you that toleration, fairness, the spirit of give and take, and finally a sense of the larger obligations to the public, are essential to successful conference.

"And I commend to you executive sessions, and assume full responsibility for such a recommendation, even as I assume the safeguarding of the public interest in asking you to come together. Differences are more often magnified than composed in their parading, and the call of the hour is adjusted differences, with due concern for the public welfare.

"I thank you all alike for your response to my invitation, and I express the hope that in the realization of your response to my invitation, and I express the hope that in the realization of your responsibilities, and in an There was also uneasiness on this

the operators in the central competitive field, including Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania, which is the chief desire of the miners' union.

"GRANDMA" LACEY DIES. Inmate of Home for Aged Had Passed 89th Milestone.

Mrs. Mary J. Lacey, eighty-nine years of age, and familiarly known as the "grandma" of the Home for the Aged and Infirm, where she had been an inmate for a number of years, died Thurs lay night.

Burial will be tomorrow at Congres

sonal cemetery, arrangements having been made by the Episcopal Church of this city, the Scottish Rite and the Mya-tic Shrine. Rev. D. E. Covell will offi-ciate at the services.

GETS MAXIMUM PENALTY. Woman "Dope" Peddler Sentenced to Pive Years in Prison.

Following his announced intention Justice Stafford of the District Supreme Court has set aside a verdict for 500 damages awarded by a jury June 23 against the Security Savings and Commercial Bank in favor of Robert F. Cronie, who sud for alleged dishonor of a check. The court directed a new trial. The bank was represented by Lawrence Koenigsberger.

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## MEXICANS SAY BIELASKI KIDNAPING WAS FRAMED

American's Story of "Abduction by Bandits" For Purposes That May Be Revealed Later, Is Charge.

MEXICO CITY. June 30.-Reviving ow in the name of logical figuring memories of the kidnaping case of William O. Jenkins, former American consular agent at Puebla, two years ago, several local newspapers, claiming anywhere else, presents so many tech- to receive their inspiration from officia ources, now declare without equivocation that the abduction last Sunday of A. Bruce Bielaski by Mexican bandits was accomplished at his own instigation or purposes which may be revealed

later.

This same charge, it was recalled, was made against Consular Agent Jenkins, although an investigation of his case failed to substantiate the charge.

The Excelsior says it has been in-

asking for the apprehension and pun-ishment of Mr. Blelaski's abductors. Case Called Mystery.

Case Called Mystery.

Several newspapers quote Secretary of War Serrano as saying that the case is "surrounded with many curious and mysterious incidents," and that a complete investigation has been ordered.

El Heraldo, in discussing the case, declares: "Neither the authorities nor the people of Morelos believe Blelaski was kidnaped."

El Heraldo declares that Mr. Bielaski's narration of his experiences "appears to be a scenario for a moving picture at a Los Angeles studio."

Several newspapers point to assertions in the narrative which they say at least makes the incident suspicious, namely, that Bielaski's automobile was picked out from a score piclous, namely, that Bielaski's automobile was picked out from a score of others along the same road that morning, the actual hold-up being accomplished almost within sight of several passing cars; that the members of the Bielaski party refused to permit a truckload of federal engineers in the vicinity of the kidnaping to pursue the bandits; the fact that one woman member of the party wore on the mountain trip party wore on the mountain trip arty wore on the mountain trip and pages and harding and harding to pursue the bandits; the fact that one woman member of the party wore on the mountain trip arty wore on the mountain trip and pages and pages that the former head of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice himself ramed his capture by bandits.

"He is not that sort of fellow," declared Radert. "He fights in the open. He would not go through that suffering and harding and harding to pursue the bandits; himself."

Radert accused papers publishing the charge of seeking to discredit Bielaski and absolve the Mexican government of responsibility for the affair.

Bielaski's associates today received they were appropriated

this moment can see no possible motive for self-abduction.

Mr. Bielaski's friends insist that a "smoke screen of doubt" is being thrown about the incident with the deliberate purpose of obscuring the real facts.

Newspapers Speculative. There is speculation here as to why the newspapers are following their present tack, inasmuch as Mr. Bielaski, since his return to Mexico City, has repeatedly exonerated the government of all blame for lack of protection, and has been enthusiastic in his praise of the federal assistance given him.

The direct charge is also being made.

The direct charge is also being made, officially and by the newspapers, that the capture of forty American employes of the Cortez Oil Company by that bandit, Gen. Gorozave, is a combination hoax and canard. Reports made to the war office by Gen. Guaralupe Sanchez, federal commander of the Tampico region, insist that the region is tranquil and that the facts do not support the reports.

The newspapers here declare these reports constitute a theatrical attack against Mexico and "an infamous intrigue by powerful North American interests" to cause a breakdown in the Mexican financial negotiations being conducted in New York by Secretary of the Treasury de la Huerta. The direct charge is also being made,

DENIES KIDNAPING FAKE.

Official of Bielaski's Company Answers Mexican Papers.

NEW YORK, July 1 .- A. E. Radert, an official of Richmond Levering & Co., of which A. Bruce Bielaski is president, hotly denied assertions of certain Mexican papers that the former head of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice himself framed his capture by handits.

According to the swine appropriated by the bandits.

Despite these newspaper assertions, persons who have talked to Mr. Biepersons who have talked to Mr. Bielaski since his return claim to see no discrepancies in his story, and at capture and escape.

Bielaski's associates today received a long cablegram from him referring to business matters, thanking his friends for offers of assistance, but adding no detail to the story of his discrepancies in his story, and at

# MAN WITH CHECK ARRESTED IN BANK

"Capt. Brubaker" to Obtain \$6,500 Here.

A man describing himself as Capt. Herbert C. Brubaker, thirty-one years old, overseas veteran, residing in Erie, Pa., was arrested at the Seventh Street Savings Bank, 7th and N streets, today by Detectives O'Brien and Livingston and held for investigation in connection with a check

Voice Asks for Nephew.

been there.
Told by a bank employe that Brubaker had been there, the bank employe was told that the check would reach the young man and said he would vouch for him. for him.

It had been reported to the police that a man answering Brubaker's description had had check transactions at other banks, and Detectives Livingston and O'Brien were at the Seventh Street Savings Bank this morning to greet him.

Arrested at Door.

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Brubaker appeared and made out a check for \$5,300. Looking about the bank, he saw the detectives and started to leave. He was intercepted at the door and placed under arrest. In his possession the detectives found the two checks. The prisoner declared the Boston check was genuine.

In conversation with the detectives, he said he served as lieutenant in the 312th Machine Gun Battalion overseas and that he was wounded and gassed. The police will ask the Boston police to assist them in the investigation of the case. Brubaker said he had taken an examination for the consular service and failed.

IG. GEN. LORD ASSUMES
BUDGET DIRECTORSHIP

for decision.
France's step, which might have been successful a year ago, is regarded as useless now because Kemal Pasha is a figurehead and the national assembly is controlled almost BRIG. GEN. LORD ASSUMES

Is Sworn In as Successor of Gen. Dawes, Resigned-Assistants Also Take Oath.

Brig. Gen. H. M. Lord, formerly chief of finance, United States Army, was sworn in today as director of the was sworn in today as director of the bureau of the budget, succeeding Brig. Gen. Charles G. Dawes, resigned. The oath was administered to Gen. Lord and his assistants by S. H. Marks, assistant chief clerk of the Treasury. Gen. Lord's administrative assistants, who were sworn in with him, are Walter W. Warwick of Ohio, former controller of the Treasury; Redmond D. Stephens of Chicago, and F. W. Wight of Rockland, Me., Royall O. Kloeber, assistant director, was sworn in last Saturday. At the ceremonies this morning were Assistant Secretary Clifford of the Treasury, Gen. Dawes, and his were Assistant Secretary Clifford of the Treasury, Gen. Dawes, and his assistants; Brig. Gen. Kenzie W. Walker, who succeeds Gen. Lord as chief of finance of the Army; Maj. F. W. Browne and Maj. S. B. Armat of the finance department of the

# FRENCH SEEK END TO TURKISH SPLIT

Police Question Attempt of Believe British More Willing to Negotiate With United Country.

BY CONSTANTINE BROWN.

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One thing is sure—the railroad labor leaders who have refused to obey the summons to appear before obey the summons to appear before the labor foor will find themselves in trouble. Unless they come into session with the board they will discover they have started something which may hurt railroad labor in the maximum as the head of their religion. For this reason France could not back up a government not recognizing the sultan's authority. Should, however, Turkey become reunited under the sultan's authority. Should, however, a friendly policy toward the Turkish empire.

Mr. Harding would not hesitate to compel obedience by means of general statutes regarding the interruption of interstate commerce, and hints of "drastic action" have been heard in official quarters. But the danger to the cause of the railway unions is the prospect of forcing action by Congress to prohibit railway strikes and make it an unlawful conspiracy for leaders to incite ment to stop work on their submitted.

plying that he fully realized the French point of view, but could not take any action because matters re-

REAR ADMIRAL TAYLOR

PAID FAREWELL HONOR

Acting Secretary Roosevelt Among Those at Reception to

Retiring Navy Man. Rear Admiral David Watson Taylor,

who retired last midnight as chief of the bureau of construction and repair of the Navy, was tendered a farewell reception by Acting Secretary Roosevelt and brother officers at the Navy Department today. Admiral Taylor was succeeded by Capt. J. B. Beuret, who takes the rank of rear admiral. Admiral Taylor, probably one of the best known naval constructors in the history of the Navy, has been chief of the bureau since December 18, 1914. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1884 at the head of his class of forty-air.

# TOTAL OF EMPLOYES

number would be placed at work again in other branches of the service.

The last official figure of the government service pay roll here in possession of the Civil Service Commission is that for May 31, when the count showed 73,253. It is estimated that since that time the roll has been cut to approximately 70,000 persons. On July 31, 1921, the commission counted 78,865 employes. At the armistice the number was in excess of 100,000.

The inability to get from any central government bureau exact figures as to the number of men and women at work in Washington at any given time was aimed to be corrected in the statistics initiated by the old congressional reclassification commission, but which were never kept up by the federal bureaus when the commission ceased its activities.

Yesterday in the War Department about 300 employes lost their jobs, but it was stated that nearly all of them would be placed again, or already had been placed, so that a flat statement as to any particular number being dropped from the governready had been placed, so that a hat statement as to any particular num-ber being dropped from the govern-ment service does not always mean

what it might seem to mean. Some Named for Temporary Jobs. Temporary positions in the pension bureau will care for perhaps 150 Interior Department employes dropped from other offices. Retirement from government service is going on stead-ily, as the men and women come to the retirement age, and these are al-ways to be counted in lightening the

persons, at which figure it will stand until the next census.

A few employes are expected to be furloughed at the navy yard Monday, but officials do not expect the number to be large. No dismissals affected the State Department, and only a few changes took place at the Department of Agriculture, Department of Justice or Department of Commerce, these changes being only the normal outgo of government service.

leaders to incite men to stop work on

line by a show of governmet authority or through the medium of legal advisers wno have seen that it was unwise to fight the government.

It is a critical moment again in the life of the labor board. The episode last autumn is not comparable to the present controversy, for now a decision has been rendered and the railway employes don't like it and are striking rather than accept it. If the government backs down and lets the strike go on in defiance of the labor board, the usefulness of that body will be seriously questioned. Mr. Harding feels that the labor board is the result of the deliberate judgment of Congress, and that Congress wanted to set up a body with sufficient moral power to prevent strikes, and if that failed more drastic powers would be invoked either through interpretations of existing broad general laws on the question of interstate commerce or by asking Congress to put teeth in the transportation act.

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## ROCKVILLE.

Dismissals and Additions by

U. S. Departments During

Fiscal Year Estimated.

Without a jolt or jar the government machinery here, manned by approximately 70,000 employes, today began the new fiscal year.

While the end of the old fiscal year brownards a concentration of dismissals from various branches of the service, Civil Service Commission officials stated that it was impossible to eather mate exactly how many persons were laid off or furloughed in one bureauth than others are taken as Post office Department within the past two months has lessened its rolls by 138 employes, but already has taken on forty new employes in the division of railroad mail. Ten were dropped yesterday.

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Others, however, who visited Rock-ville yesterday on matrimonial mis-sions, were more fortunate, among them being Miss Mary J. Snider of Washington and James A. Glover of Philadelphia, Miss Alice M. Morris and Hugo H. Langer, both of Wash-ington, and Miss Alder J. Wood and Paul Johnson, both of Fairfax, Va.

#### ALEXANDRIA.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., July 1.—Welby Deshields Leonard, twenty-two years old, unmarried, who was struck by a train near Markham, Va., yesterdsy morning, died yesterday afternoon at the Alexandria Hospital.

The body was taken to Demaine's mortuary chapel and shipped to his late home near Markham, Va., this morning. Welby, according to reports, was driving an automobile up late home near Markham, Va., this morning. Welby, according to response to the retirement age, and these are always to be counted in lightening the rolls.

Two hundred employes served their last day at the census bureau yesterday, where the force now is reduced to its permanent status of about 800 persons, at which figure it will stand until the next census.

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MAY GET CONGRESS

TO CETTI E CTRIKE Baltimore.

The company already gives employment to about thirty-five hands.

BRENTWOOD.

BRENTWOOD, Md., July 1 (Special).—Arrangements have been completed for Brentwood's first municipal election next Wednesday. Incorporation of the town was favored by voters at a recent special election. Candidates have been conducting lively campaigns, every office being contested with the exception of that of councilman from the second ward, for which Charles F. Hayden is the lone aspirant. Indications point to a heavy vote. The complete list of candidates who have filed their certificates as required by law follows: candidates who have filed their cer-tificates as required by law follows: For mayor, John C. May, Lloyd V. Moxley; for town treasurer, L. Harold Sothoron, Albert M. Wolfinger; for councilman from the first ward, Charles B. Rogers, William L. Craw-ford, ir. for councilman from the make it an unlawful conspiracy for leaders to incite men to stop work on the nation's transportation system. Should a crisis develop, such a plea to Congress for added legislation would become inevitable.

Tie-Up Not Feared.

The President knows, of course, that the men who will strike are too few in number to tie up the country's railroads, but the question is whether he can afford to let the decisions of the United States Railroad Labor Board go unheeded. If he does, the railroad executives will be likely to follow the precedent. They, too, have tried to evade the decisions of the board, but invariably have been brought into line by a show of government authority or through the medium of legal advisers who have seen that it was unwise to fight the government.

It is a critical moment again in the life of the labor board. The episode last autumn is not comparable to the present controversy, for now a decision has been rendered and the railway employes don't like it and are striking rather than accept it. If the government backs down and lets the strike go on in defiance of the labor board, the usefulness of that the strike go on in defiance of the labor board, the usefulness of that the strike go on in defiance of the labor board, the usefulness of that the strike go on in defiance of the labor board, the usefulness of that the strike go on in defiance of the labor board, the usefulness of that the strike go on in defiance of the labor board, the usefulness of that the strike go on in defiance of the labor board, the usefulness of that the strike go on in defiance of the labor board, the usefulness of that the strike go on in defiance of the labor board, the usefulness of that the strike go on in defiance of the labor board, the usefulness of that the strike go on in defiance of the labor board, the usefulness of that the strike go on in defiance of the labor board, the usefulness of that the strike go on in defiance of the labor board. The present the strike go on in defiance of the labor board the usefulness ford, jr.; for councilman from the second ward, Charles F. Hayden; for

HYATTSVILLE.

HYATTSVILLE, Md., July 1 (Special).—A committee of citizens has filed in the circuit court for Prince

the Treasury, Gen. Dawes, and his he sasistants; Brig. Gen. Kenzie W. Walker, who succeeds Gen. Lord a naval constructors in the history of the finance department of the fina

# SAVE \$400,000,000 FOR U. S. SHIPPERS

New Freight Rates Averaging 10 Per Cent Cut, Effective Today.

Approximately \$400,000,000 will be saved to American shippers, it is estimated, by the freight rate reductions ordered more than a month ago by the Interstate Commerce Commission, which became effective at midnight last night. Practically all commodities billed for shipment by rail will benefit by the cuts which, although averaging 10 per cort for the whole country, run as high as 14 per cent in eastern territory. Exceptions to the decreases are agricultural products in all sections of the country outside of New England, livestock and western grain and grain products.

All restrictions which would prevent the religious from putting late office. the railroads from putting into effect the rate cut order have been cleared away, it was declared at the Interstate Commerce Commission.

New Tariffs Completed.

New schedules incorporating reduc-tions have been completed in the weeks since the decision was handed down in every territory, according to the com-mission's records, through a series of orders setting forth rules and regula-tions concerning publication of new tions concerning publication of new rates, and like details were necessary to prevent delays in some instances.

The entire fabric of new-rate schedules on cotton moving from the Mississippi valley to consumption through seaboard ports and northern cities, which railroads prepared and attempted to put into effect last fall is set aside by the Interstate Com-merce Commission.

Discrimination Ended. The general system of new rates on cotton was required under commission orders carrying out the spirit of the long-and-short-haul clause of the interstate commerce act, and requiring the road to cease maintaining rates from certain Mississippi valley cotton shipping centers to outlet notice which were lower than valley cotton shipping centers to outlet points which were lower than rates simultaneously in effect for shorter distances over the same route, and constituting discrimination against shipping points back from the river.

The Denver and Salt Lake railroad was excused by the Interstate Commerce Commission from the necessity of putting into effect on its lines the 10 per cent general cut in freight rates which all other railroads in the United States made effective today. Receivers of the line, the commission ruling indicated, found it impossible to reduce the revenues to

possible to reduce the revenues to the extent which the 10 per cent cut de-manded, and in addition its line is now temporarily out of operation by reason of a tunnel fire, and may not be put into use before August 1.

MOUNT RAINIER, Md., July 1 (Special).—The mayor and town council of Mount Rainier has levied a tax of 25 cents on the \$100 against town property to meet the \$10,000 road improperty to meet the \$10,000 road impr property to meet the \$10,000 road improvement bond issue. The highways improved are 30th street and Bunker Hill road, and against property abutting the improved portions of these thoroughfares a front-foot assessment of 35 cents has been levied. Both taxes are effective for 1922-23 and for 1923-24 if necessary.

A tax of \$25 a year for manufacture and storage of motion-picture films in Mount Rainier has been fixed by the council in an ordinance.

Dead dogs and cats will no longer be allowed to lie in Mount Rainier's streets and the town clerk and treasurer has been directed to contract for urer has been directed to contract for the removal of such animals.

### LANHAM.

LANHAM, Md., July 1 (Special).—
Featuring the June meeting of the
Lanham Study Club last night at the
home of Mrs. J. H. Kempton was a
graphic description of Katmai crater
by Mrs. Robert F. Griggs, wife of
the director of the Katmai expeditions of the National Geographic Society, said to be the only woman who
ever beheld the orater. Mrs. Humphrey Beckett gave a brief talk on ever beheld the crater. Mrs. Humphrey Beckett gave a brief talk on Charles Henry Niehaus, sculptor of the Francis Scott Key memorial. A musical program was offered, in which Mrs. Norval Tabler, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Leonard Robertson took part. Other guests at the meeting besides Mrs. Griggs were Mrs. Booth Bowie and Mrs. J. H. Boyden of the Hillmead Club. Mrs. Guy N. Collins presided. Announcement has been made of the Announcement has been made of the award to William Meloy, son of Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Meloy, of a Washington and Lee University scholarship. The award was made upon the young man's graduation a few days ago at Western High School, Washington.